WHAT?
OH, YES. MY DAD GOT THEM FOR ME SINCE THIS IS MY FIRST RAID.

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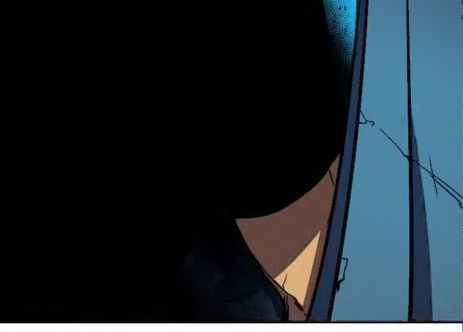

WHAT IS THIS OMINOUS FEELING...?

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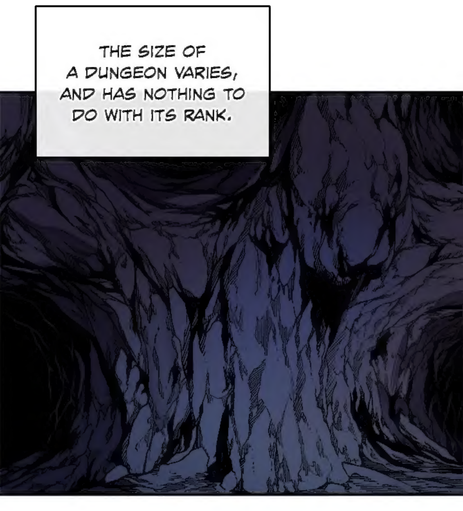


FOR MANY DAYS...

...AND TIMES WHEN YOU MAKE IT TO THE BOSS' LAIR IN A MATTER OF HOURS.

BOSS

THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY NOTEWORTHY BATTLES IN THIS DUNGEON, BUT IT'S SHAPED LIKE A MAZE, SO WE'VE HAD TO SPEND A LOT OF OUR TIME WALKING.

"BEWARE THE LIZARDS."

A SUDDEN WARNING.

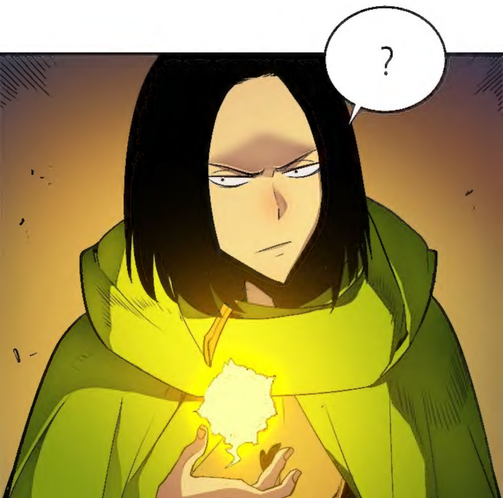
I DON'T KNOW WHY THOSE WORDS CAME TO MIND.

BUT THE ONE THING I'M CERTAIN OF IS THAT...

...IF I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT SOMETHING, I'M NEVER WRONG.

THERE SHOULD STILL BE A BOSS, THOUGH, RIGHT?
THE GATE WOULDN'T BE OPEN IF THERE WASN'T A BOSS.

WAIT.
HALT
AHH!
KYUHWAN, BRING THE LIGHT OVER THIS WAY.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OH, MY GOD...

IT'S THE BOSS'S LAIR.

GET READY.

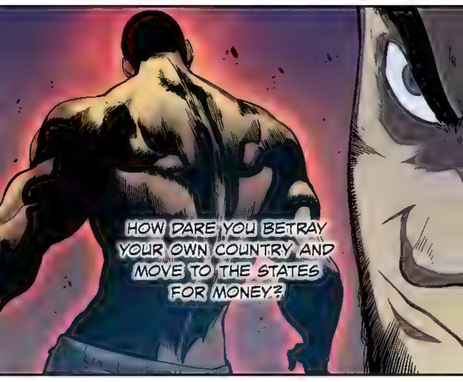
HUH?!

TH...THIS IS...!
H, HOLY CRAP!

AREN'T THESE MANA CRYSTALS?!
HOW MUCH WOULD ALL OF THESE BE WORTH?
WOW, WE HIT THE JACKPOT!

THESE HAVE LESS MANA THAN THE ESSENCE STONES WE GET FROM HUNTING MAGIC BEASTS, SO THEY'RE DIRT CHEAP, BUT...
...THIS MANY WOULD CERTAINLY SELL FOR MORE THAN AN ESSENCE STONE.
ROUGHLY CALCULATING, ALL THIS COULD BE WORTH OVER A BILLION WON.

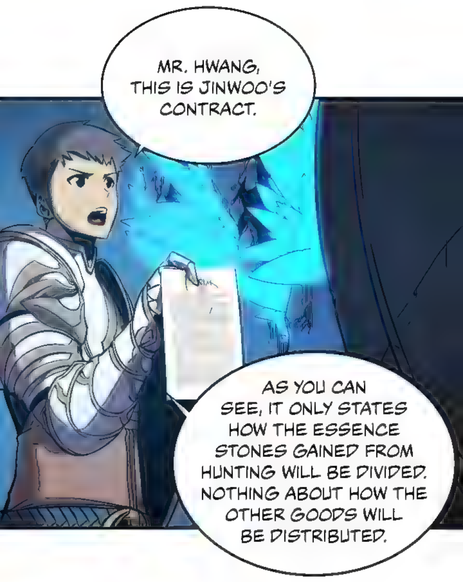
YOU TREATED ME LIKE SH*T AFTER OBTAINING A HIGHER RANKING.



YOU MUST STILL THINK I'M BENEATH YOU, HUH? THEY PROBABLY TREAT YOU LIKE SOME VIP OVER THERE.
I KNOW YOU SEE ME AS A WEAKLING, BUT THAT'S ALL ABOUT TO CHANGE.
WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY, MY STRIKE SQUAD WILL GROW.

WE HIT THE JACKPOT, GUYS. A BILLION DIVIDED BY NINE IS STILL 100 MILLION.
JINWOO, GIVE ME THE CONTRACT YOU SIGNED.
I'M AN EXPERT WHEN IT COMES TO THIS KIND OF STUFF.

EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL SOMETHING.


MR. HWANG, THIS IS JINWOO'S CONTRACT.
AS YOU CAN SEE, IT ONLY STATES HOW THE ESSENCE STONES GAINED FROM HUNTING WILL BE DIVIDED. NOTHING ABOUT HOW THE OTHER GOODS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY THAT PART WAS LEFT OUT?
SHOULDN'T THE MANA CRYSTALS BE SPLIT AMONG THE 10 OF US, NOT NINE?

OF COURSE WE SHOULD SPLIT THE CRYSTALS EQUALLY.
I'M ALREADY AWARE.

BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO CARE OF.
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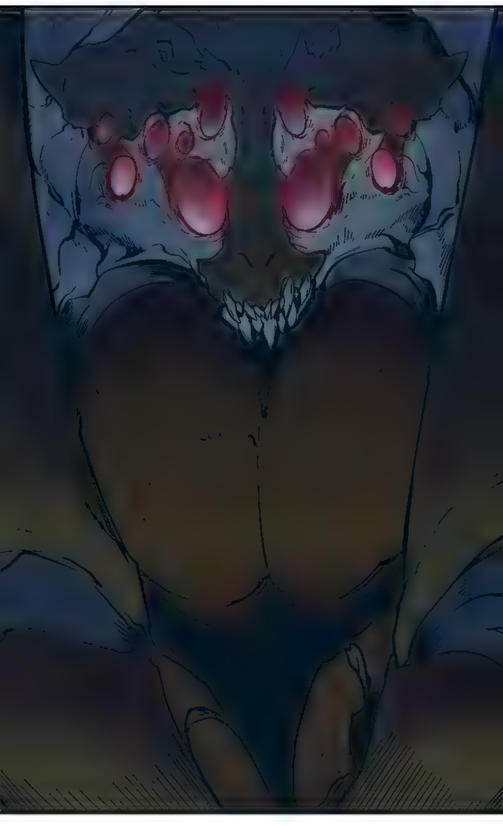


THE DUNGEON BOSS...
AS YOU GUYS MAY KNOW ALREADY, THE GATE WILL CLOSE ONCE WE DEFEAT THE BOSS.
SO BEFORE WE DEFEAT THAT SPIDER, WE NEED TO FIRST MINE THE MANA CRYSTALS AND TRANSPORT THEM.

THANKFULLY, IT LOOKS LIKE THE SPIDER'S ASLEEP 'CAUSE HE'S FULL...

THIS COULD BE OUR CHANCE TO COLLECT THE CRYSTALS.

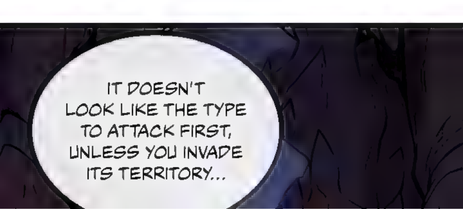
CHULJIN, DID YOU BRING THE EQUIPMENT?
NOPE. WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN THERE'D BE MANA CRYSTALS IN A C-RANK DUNGEON?

I LEFT ALL THE MINING EQUIPMENT BACK IN THE CAR.
...
COME ON, MAN... I ALWAYS TELL YOU TO DO A THOROUGH PREPARATION.

GEEZ, THIS IS ANNOYING.
SORRY, MY BAD.

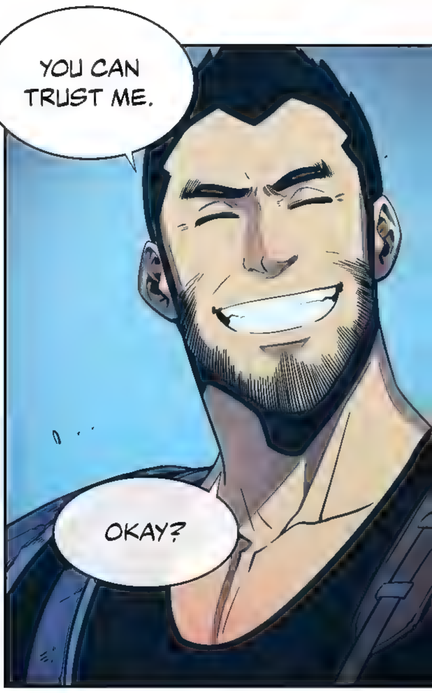
I'M SORRY, BUT CAN THE TWO OF YOU STAY HERE AND STAND GUARD?
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO BACK AND GET THE EQUIPMENT.

YOU WANT JUST THE TWO OF US TO STAY IN THE BOSS' LAIR?
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE FINE.


IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE TYPE TO ATTACK FIRST, UNLESS YOU INVADE ITS TERRITORY...

...AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S FAST ASLEEP AFTER EATING A LOT OF FOOD.
YOU'LL BE OKAY, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO PROVOKE IT.

BUT...
YOO JINHO, YOU SAID THIS IS YOUR FIRST RAID, RIGHT?
AND SUNG JINWOO, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A C-RANK DUNGEON.


YOU CAN TRUST ME.
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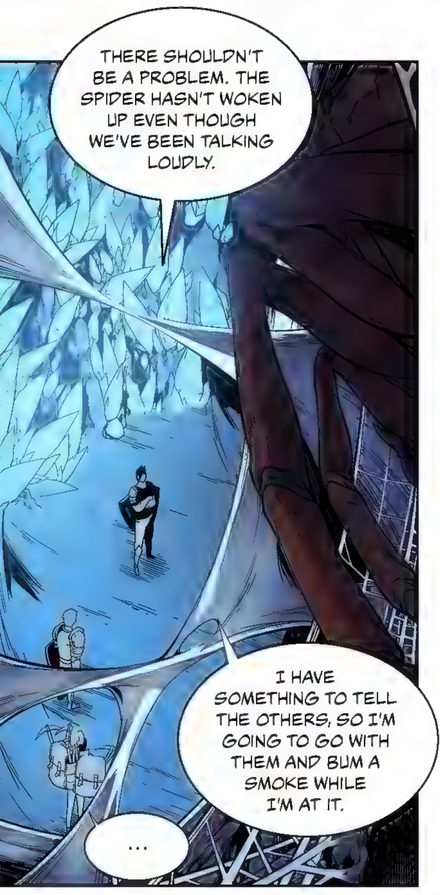
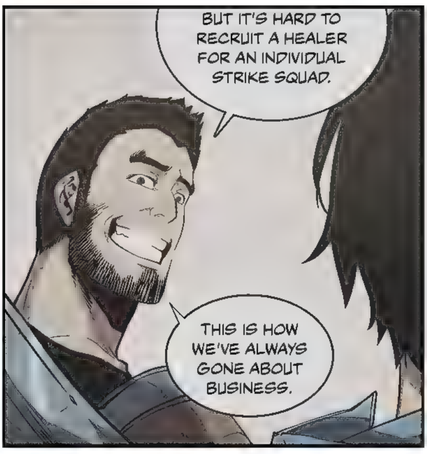

THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. THE SPIDER HASN'T WOKEN UP EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN TALKING LOUDLY.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL THE OTHERS, SO I'M GOING TO GO WITH THEM AND BUM A SMOKE WHILE I'M AT IT.
...

ALL RIGHT THEN, WE'LL BE BACK.

ACCORDING TO THE RULES, AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO VENTURE INSIDE A C-RANK GATE.
THERE ARE EIGHT



HWANG DONGSUK SAID THEY'VE BEEN WORKING LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME. THAT MEANS THEY'VE BEEN IN AND OUT OF A LOT OF C-RANK GATES.

SO OF COURSE THEY DON'T NEED TO FILL IN THE TWO EMPTY SPOTS IN THEIR SQUAD.

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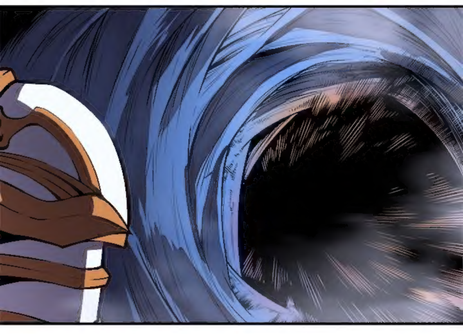

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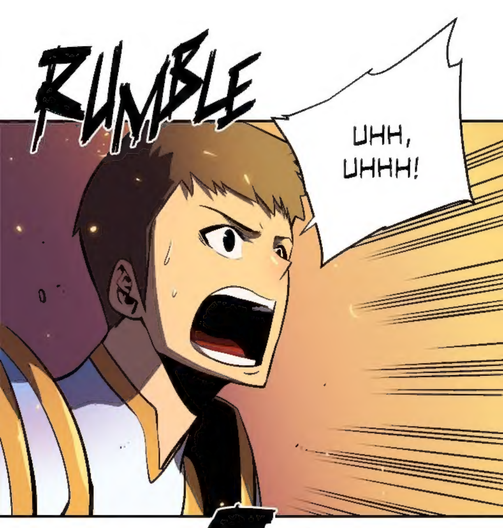

JUST AS I THOUGHT...

THEY'RE
THE "LIZARDS"!

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